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REMARKS

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated March 2, 2005 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner required a restriction for:

Group I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class Class 257, subclass 296;

Group II. Claims 14-38, drawn to a process for making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 1+;

The Applicants hereby elect the following named claims: Group II including Claims 14-38. This election is made without traverse because the Applicants agree that the inventions are patentably distinct.

The Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, the Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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